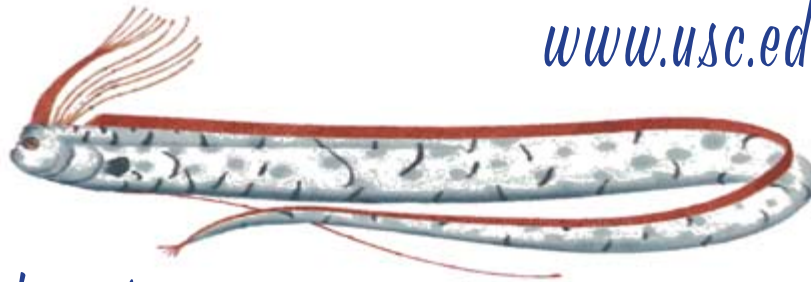


Announcing the QuikScience / COSEE-West Annual

Ocean Leadership Awards for 2009

The Ocean Leadership Awards recognize educators for their commitment and accomplishments in improving the quality of K-12 marine education.

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Nomination categories:

- **Formal Teaching Excellence Award** – for the teachers who are active in developing and implementing innovative and effective approaches to learning and teaching of ocean sciences; three subcategories:
 1. Elementary school teacher (K–5)
 2. Middle school teacher (6–8)
 3. High school teacher (9–12)
- **Informal Teaching Excellence Award** – for environmental educators who demonstrate a commitment to developing and implementing effective and innovative approaches to learning and teaching of ocean sciences in informal (free-choice) environments (i.e. outdoor science camps, aquariums, museums).
- **Early Career Award** – given to encourage novice teachers (with less than two years teaching experience) who have demonstrated an interest and commitment to developing and implementing effective and innovative approaches to learning and teaching of ocean sciences.
- **Commitment to Education Award** – for those individuals involved in the field of education whose actions and special contributions have helped improve K-12 teaching and learning of ocean sciences. This category encompasses the areas of school or district administrator, university researcher/scientist, and/or education volunteer (i.e., student, parent or retiree).

The deadline for nominations is January 30, 2009

For information on how to nominate yourself or another individual, please visit www.usc.edu/quikscience and click on "Ocean Science Leadership Awards." Open to all California educators. Up to one letter of recommendation will be considered. Applications will be judged by a panel of USC and Quiksilver ocean educators, scientists and enthusiasts. Each awardee will receive a \$500 stipend and a QuikScience Ocean Leadership recognition plaque. Winners will be announced March 19, 2009.

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